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Lifting the Nuclear Moratorium Passes

Senate Bill 11, The Leeper Act, to lift the Nuclear Moratorium in the state of Kentucky has passed the Kentucky House by a vote of 65 to 28 this afternoon. The bill passed the Senate earlier this session. It now goes to Governor Bevin for his signature and he has indicated he will not veto the bill. The Governor told WKRC radio in Cincinnati that he supports the proposal because it "opens possibilities to us" and he does not think nuclear power would replace coal as the state's dominant source of energy.

After many years of working to lift the nuclear moratorium, this is a significant move forward for our community, region and state. Thank you to Senator Danny Carroll and Representatives Steven Rudy and Gerald Watkins for the work they have done on the passage of this bill.

Thanks also to the Kentucky Chamber, Commerce Lexington, Murray-Calloway County Chamber, Greater Louisville Inc., Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Association of Counties, and West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance for their support with the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce for the passage of this

legislation.

Thanks to current McCracken County Judge Executive and former State Senator Bob Leeper for the work he has done on the passage of this bill in previous sessions as well as this session.

After today's session, the legislature will be in recess and is expected to go back into session on March 29 and 30.

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